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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Patent Status.

Applicant has carefully considered all of the Examiner's comments. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10-13 have been allowed, for which Applicant is very grateful. Claims 14-16 have been cancelled, in addition to Claims 6 and 9 previously cancelled in the last amendment.

The Examiner has presented arguments regarding Claims 14-16. Claims 14-16 have been cancelled without further comment as to the accuracy of Examiner's arguments. No new claims have been added.

With this of the claims 14-16, it is believed that all claims are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments.

2. Additional Claim Fees.

There are no new claims, therefore, there should be no additional claim fees. Applicant remains a small entity.

3. Conclusion.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections and objections of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

The Applicant also respectfully requests a telephone interview with the Examiner in the event that there are questions regarding this response, or if the next action on the merits is not an allowance of all pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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